



FACT SHEET

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The United States Government has provided nearly \$1 billion for the reconstruction of Bosnia-Herzegovina. In support of the Dayton Peace Accords, the U.S. foreign assistance program, implemented primarily by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is helping to create a multi-ethnic, stable, democratic Bosnia-Herzegovina with a functioning free-market economy. Other U.S. support is being provided in the areas of counter-terrorism, human rights, customs, the state border service, and advice and assistance to the Treasuries.

ECONOMIC GROWTH	Implementing Partners
Fiscal Reform: USAID is working to create and implement a transparent tax administration system that simplifies compliance with tax laws and regulations and eliminates unproductive (nuisance) taxes. The aim is to develop a coherent framework for direct taxation that incorporates personal and corporate income taxes and market value-based real estate tax.	Bearing Point
Private Enterprise Development: USAID strives to enhance and improve the competitiveness of the wood and tourism industries with targeted assistance to clusters, strengthening trade associations, as well as loan guarantees for these competitive sectors. On the agricultural side, USAID is helping to expand production and sales of value-added agricultural products by strengthening linkages among producers, processors and retailers. The three sectors are becoming more competitive through USAID's support for the use of value-added Information Communications Technology (ICT).	AED; EDC; Emerging Markets Group;
Legal and Regulatory Reform: USAID supports local partners' efforts to reform and streamline permit and inspection procedures required to start and operate businesses. USAID also works with local counterparts to reduce barriers to labor mobility in BiH and ease the fiscal burden on small and medium enterprises (SMEs) by promoting flexible and diverse forms of labor relations and agreements. Partnerships with public and private stakeholders are promoting broad-based economic reforms that will assist BiH on the path towards joining the European Union. The Mission's efforts to help reform the energy sector are reducing possibilities for corruption and also bringing BiH in line with European Union accession requirements.	Advanced Engineering Associates International; BearingPoint; Chemonics

GOVERNING JUSTLY AND DEMOCRATICALLY	Implementing Partners
Political Processes: USAID provides focused support to both political parties and non-governmental organizations in building links with each other, as well as strengthening parties' responsiveness to constituent concerns. Activities encourage issue-based politics through support to policy analysis organizations. The program provides parliamentary support to promote the development and efficiency of caucuses and committees and assists government ministries in improving their communications strategies.	IRI; NDI
Rule of Law: USAID's rule of law program emphasizes activities that support State Court operations and administration, as well as the institution of uniform policies and practices in court administration to ensure questions are heard and resolved efficiently and equitably.	East West Management Institute
Civil Society: USAID's program assists citizens and NGOs to increase their participation in local decision-making; strengthen their coalition building and watch-dog capacities; and to address citizen needs through education, advocacy and service provision. Projects also aim to strengthen	CCI; CCSP

sustainability of the sector through the crafting of enabling legal, regulatory and tax frameworks as well as by promoting strategies for regulating the sector and developing creative funding mechanisms.	
Local Governance: USAID is promoting efficient, transparent local governance throughout BiH by working directly with municipal governments to improve customer service, rationalize and control revenues and expenditures and secure financing from commercial institutions. A special initiative in the Srebrenica area endeavors to connect municipal institutions with citizens and relevant organizations with an internet-based communications network.	Chemonics; Connexit

PEACE AND SECURITY	Implementing Partners
Anti-Trafficking: USAID is helping to strengthen the capacity of BiH's government to combat trafficking in persons and to implement the country's National Action Plan. The goal of this activity is to expand trafficking prevention education throughout the BiH secondary school system and to children who do not attend school; improve reintegration programs for national victims by training social workers; and improve implementation of the National Referral Mechanism and the State Action Plan for Anti-Trafficking by setting-up governmental monitoring and evaluation systems.	CRS
Srebrenica Internships: USAID aims to provide unemployed youth of Srebrenica with an opportunity to gain practical work experience through an internship with employers in the region. Sixty youth between the ages of 18 to 35 and nearly 20 companies or organizations will participate in the program. The Internship Program is expected to: 1) Develop a successful internship model for use in Srebrenica and neighboring municipalities; 2) Improve employability of young people through applied experience; 3) Deter youth from seeking employment outside the region.	Prijatelji Srebrenice
Children at Risk: The project aims to decrease the number of children deprived of parental care in institutional care in Bosnia and Herzegovina through the promotion and development of alternative forms of care such as foster families.	Save the Children UK
Avian Flu: USAID is working on communication activities focused on raising awareness on the Avian Flu in BiH. The awareness campaign strives to improve readiness and response capacity in the country.	UNICEF

Glossary of Acronyms:

ABA /CEELI:	American Bar Association/Central and East European Law Initiative
AED:	Academy for Educational Development
CCI:	Centers for Civic Initiatives
CCSP:	Center for Civil Society Promotion
CRS:	Catholic Relief Services
DAI:	Development Alternatives Inc.
EDC:	Education Development Centre
IOM:	International Organization for Migration
IRI:	International Republican Institute
NDI:	National Democratic Institute
UNICEF:	United Nations Children's Fund